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To: Members of the Law Society of Nunavut

From: Alyssa Holland, Chair, Membership and Admissions Committee; and Committee Members: Faiyaz Alibhai, Jessi Casebeer, and Caroline Pothemont

Re: Report for the 2019-2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 12, 2020

MAC reviews and provides a recommendation to the Executive on all applications to join the LSN. This includes applications to join as an articled student-at-law, transfers from another jurisdiction under the Territorial Mobility Agreement, and other types of applications.

In 2019, the MAC considered 42 applications for membership in the LSN, which is up from 32 applications last year. We maintain a regular bi-weekly cycle to consider applications for membership.

At present, there are 71 active resident lawyers and Canadian Legal Advisors in Nunavut, as well as 3 students-at-law. There is an active non-resident bar of 212 lawyers and Canadian Legal Advisors, plus another 38 lawyers holding Restricted Appearance Certificates. Overall, 25% of the active members are resident and 75% are non-resident, which is similar to the ratio of resident to non-resident lawyers over the past three years.

In 2019, in addition to its work considering applications for membership, MAC also provided input into how to address the requirements for articling as they apply to the upcoming graduating class of the Nunavut Law Program, particularly as they pertain to completion of articles outside of Nunavut.

MAC would like to acknowledge the contributions of Jonathan Park, who served as Chair until February 2020, and of Sarah Kay, who was a member from 2013 to 2020 and served as both Vice-Chair and Chair during her tenure. Both gave generously of their time and contributed significantly to MAC's work.